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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to recognize significant achievements in the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Torrence Harris was named the "Young Man of the Year" by the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and

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WHEREAS, Torrence Harris is a sophomore attending Lyons Township High School; he has been involved in the La Grange Area Community Extension Project (CEP) since he was 9 years old; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Harris is very involved as a teen leader in his school; he is the first African American President of his class; as a freshman, he was the only student of that class to emcee the All School Assembly, and he has been an emcee for four assemblies since then; he has served as a tour guide on the Freshman Experience Day, a day devoted to interacting with incoming students to share experiences about Lyons Township High School; and he has worked with his peers to plan and implement service projects to benefit the school and the community; and

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WHEREAS, Torrence Harris is also involved in sports as his school; he is a small forward for the basketball team, a running back for the football team, and he participates in the hurdles, high jump, and short distance relay events for the track team; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Harris is a member of Youth Life, a non-denominational religious organization, and has attended its weekly programs and camp; Youth Life has a weekly program,

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1 where the members sing songs, pray, read the Bible, and learn
2 about life, and a yearly camp with members attending from
3 around the world; and

4 WHEREAS, Torrence Harris has been instrumental in the
5 success of multiple service programs including: the Teen Bash,
6 where he was solely responsible for running the basketball
7 tournament; the Family Festival; the Community Block Party; and
8 a work trip to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina; and from
9 January through March, Torrence and other high school students
10 planned and implemented two Y Parties for 5th through 8th
11 graders; and

12 WHEREAS, One of Mr. Harris' goals is to make a difference
13 at his school; he is dedicated and works hard at each of the
14 projects in which he is involved; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Torrence Harris on his outstanding leadership
18 skills, his work to better his school and community, and his
19 recent selection as "Young Man of the Year" by the West
20 Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Torrence Harris as an expression of our esteem.